

REMARKS

Applicants reply to the Office Action mailed June 12, 2007, within five month, so Applicants request a two month extension of time and authorize the appropriate fee. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 13-33 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 20, 21 and 23-25 have been rejected. Claims 22 and 26 have been objected to. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 20-26 have been cancelled without prejudice, disclaimer, or any comment on the Examiner's corresponding arguments. Claims 13-19 and 27-33 have been allowed.

A. Claim Rejections -- 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,196,371, issued to van Berkel ("van Berkel"). Applicants submit that cancellation, without prejudice, disclaimer, or any comment on the Examiner's corresponding arguments, of claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 obviate the Examiner's cited rejection. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102 rejection.

B. Claim Rejections -- 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 20, 21 and 23-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over van Berkel. Applicants submit that cancellation, without prejudice, disclaimer, or any comment on the Examiner's corresponding arguments, of claims 20, 21 and 23-25 obviate the Examiner's cited rejection. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103 rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the currently pending claims (2 independent, 14 total) properly set forth that which Applicants regard as their invention and that these claims are allowable as indicated by the Examiner over the cited prior art.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (602) 382-6226 at the Examiner's convenience, if that would help further prosecution of the subject Application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2814. **This statement does NOT authorize charge of the issue fee.**

Respectfully submitted,

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